

This Week's Developments

May 28 – June 10, 2023

- Russia may target nuclear plant after dam strike
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Russia may target nuclear plant after dam strike

The Times, June 6, 2023



EVENT

Russia may be plotting to blow up the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, Ukraine warned after it accused the Kremlin of sabotaging a dam to send a wall of water cascading into the Black Sea. Oleksiy Danilov, President Zelensky's top security official, told The Times that "the whole world" should be concerned by how reckless Moscow could be, calling yesterday's destruction of a hydroelectric power station "a fundamentally new stage of Russian aggression". The Nova Kakhovka dam in south Ukraine was split in two by explosions overnight, sending water cascading down the Dnipro River, inundating communities and wildlife and polluting drinking water supplies. At least 17,000 residents were being evacuated within hours as officials warned the deluge could affect a total of 40,000 across Ukrainian and Russian-occupied territory, and cut off electricity, gas and clean water as far as Crimea. The dam's falling water levels could endanger the safety of the nuclear plant 90 miles upriver.

COMMENT

God tells us that a latter day Antiochus Epiphanes - ancient king of the north – will cause a "shocking amount of destruction." The latter day king of the north we know is Gog of the land of Magog – a Russian ruler. And here we have more evidence that stacks up pointing to Putin being this man prophesied about 2500 years ago. He is renowned for causing shocking devastation in all of the wars he has instigated during his long reign. The blowing of the dam in Ukraine is another sign that Putin will stop at nothing to succeed and achieve his aims. The devastation caused by blowing up the dam could be far reaching as a huge amount of agriculture depends on the reservoir. But the largest nuclear plant in Europe (in Ukraine) also depends on the same water...

BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause a shocking amount of destruction** and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and **devastate the holy people**. He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will **destroy many without warning**.
(Daniel 8:23-25 NLT)

Putin says tactical nuclear weapons to be deployed in Belarus in July

Reuters, June 9, 2023



EVENT

Russia will start deploying tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus after special storage facilities are made ready on July 7-8, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday, Moscow's first move of such warheads outside Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union. Putin announced in March he had agreed to deploy such weapons in Belarus, pointing to U.S deployment of tactical nuclear weapons in a host of European countries over many decades. "Everything is going according to plan," Putin told Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, discussing the planned nuclear deployment over a meal at the Russian leader's summer retreat in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. "Preparation of the relevant facilities ends on July 7-8, and we will immediately begin activities related to the deployment of appropriate types of weapons on your territory," Putin said, according to a Kremlin transcript of his remarks.

COMMENT

An editorial in the Daily Telegraph this week was entitled "We are now dangerously close to nuclear war." The comment went on to say "*With his army failing, his air force stuck in its hangars, it would appear Putin is prepared to do almost anything to cling on to the Russian occupied areas of Ukraine and his throne in the Kremlin.*" And then just a few days after the blowing up the dam Putin puts a specific date on sending nuclear weapons to Belarus. Putin is the ultimate decision maker on any nuclear launch and he would have personally authorised the move of these weapons to Belarus. The question is could Putin ever use nuclear weapons to succeed? The answer to that is that he definitely could. The Bible says that Gog will invade Israel - therefore something must happen to bring the Ukraine war to a conclusion. A nuclear bomb may do this...

BIBLE QUOTE

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements [atoms] shall melt with fervent heat**, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, (2 Peter 3:10-11)

Sunak and Biden unveil 'Atlantic Declaration' economic agreement

BBC, June 8, 2023



EVENT Rishi Sunak and Joe Biden have announced a deal for transatlantic cooperation that moves the UK firmly into the US administration's economic orbit and marks a revival in ties after the turbulence of Brexit. Unveiling the so-called "Atlantic declaration" at a joint press conference with Biden at the White House, Sunak was explicit that the closer links were designed to **bolster economic security** in response to threats from China and Russia. "Countries like China and Russia are willing to manipulate and exploit our openness, steal our intellectual property, use technology for authoritarian ends or withdraw crucial resources," the prime minister said. "They will not succeed." The declaration, published at the end of Sunak's visit to Washington, is in some ways little more than a series of economic mini-deals. However, its symbolism is significant, marking a shift away from the recent UK mantra of unfettered free trade in favour of mutual protectionism. The announcement also signalled the end of any hope of a full trade deal with the US, a key promise in the 2019 Tory manifesto.

COMMENT The UK government website said the following with regards to the new "Atlantic Declaration" ... *"The 'Atlantic Declaration' heralds a new era for the thriving economic relationship between the UK and US, and builds on decades of very close cooperation on defence and security. It applies the same principle – that the UK and US will work together in the face of new challenges – to our economic partnership as we long have to our defence alliance."* The Bible says that there is a king of the south power that opposes the Russian king of the north power. Ezekiel 38 tells us that this power is made up of Tarshish (UK) and the young lions (offspring of UK) eg US/Canada etc..

BIBLE QUOTE Sheba, and Dedan, and **the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions** thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

Putin congratulates 'dear friend' Erdogan as NATO's Turkey challenge looks set to stay

CNBC, May 29, 2023



EVENT

Turkey on Sunday voted for another five years of the leadership of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the powerful, nationalist president who now enters his third decade in power. Russian President Vladimir Putin was among the leaders that congratulated Erdogan on his win on Monday, calling him a “dear friend,” according to the Kremlin. Turkey’s historical election is highly consequential for its population of 85 million, in terms of the future of the country’s democracy, economy and foreign relations. But it’s also deeply significant for many parts of the world beyond Turkey’s borders. More recently, Erdogan’s government is playing a leading diplomatic role between Russia and Ukraine and mediating the crucial Black Sea grain deal, which unlocks vital Ukrainian produce exports blocked by Russia’s full-scale invasion. Erdogan’s friendly relationship with Putin and refusal to impose sanctions on Russia, as well as his government’s purchase of Russian weapons systems, makes many Western officials uneasy.

COMMENT

Putin, in his congratulatory message praised Erdogan’s efforts to “conduct an independent foreign policy,” according to his spokesman. “We highly appreciate your personal contribution to the strengthening of friendly Russian-Turkish relations and mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas,” he said. The Bible tells us that Turkey is allied to Russia when the invasion of Israel occurs. We can see how close the two nations are currently by Putin’s message of support for Erdogan. But Turkey is part of NATO which is a military alliance specifically in place to collectively protect all nations in NATO from Russia. It is for this reason that Turkey is NOT invaded by Russia but instead is allied with Russia. An alliance would not activate a NATO response...

BIBLE QUOTE

Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. [Gomer and Togarmah were both areas of Turkey at the time Ezekiel wrote.](#) (Ezekiel 38:6-7)

Dangerous times as tensions boil between Israel and Iran over nuclear programme

Sky News, June 9, 2023



EVENT

In recent years, the Islamic Republic has expanded its stockpile of uranium - its total enriched uranium is now 21 times more than the limits imposed on it under the now-defunct JCPOA nuclear deal. Tehran has continued to install advanced centrifuges, and last year particles enriched to 83.7% were detected. In short, it is getting dangerously close to the point of no return and diplomacy has not worked, ever since President Trump walked away from the nuclear deal. **This week, to great fanfare, Iran unveiled a hypersonic missile it claims can hit Israel in 400 seconds and evade the Iron Dome defence system.** For many years, Israel has taken unilateral military action - assassinating key Iranian figures, bombing Iranian targets in Syria, and carrying out crippling cyberattacks. The question is whether they will go further and launch a bombing campaign against Iranian targets, something they have been training for with increasing intensity.

COMMENT

Iran has unveiled what it says is a hypersonic missile, part of an escalation of threats directed at Israel. Iranian state television said that the missile could outwit American as well as Israeli defences. Only Russia has these hypersonic missiles, and it is probably no coincidence that Iran (who has been supporting Russia's war in Ukraine with high tech military drones) has suddenly acquired them as well. Iran wants greater Russian backing in its proxy war with Israel in Syria. Ezekiel 38 has Iran (Persia) as first on a list of nations that are allied with Russia when Israel is invaded in the future. We know before this invasion that Iran activates its proxy forces around Israel in the initial inner ring war. It is possible that there is an Israeli attack on Iran that sparks this war...

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: **Persia**, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

(Ezekiel 38:4-5)

Canada's wildfire season is off to an 'unprecedented' start

CNN, June 10, 2023



EVENT Raging wildfires in Canada have already scorched about 15 times the normal burned area for this time of the year: nearly 11 million acres — more than double the size of New Jersey — with more than 2 million acres concentrated in Quebec alone. Canada's fire season is only just beginning, and officials there warned this week it would continue to be severe through the summer. If it follows the pattern of a normal year, it will peak in the hotter months of July and August. But this is anything but a normal year. "I'm not a big fan of this word, but this is unprecedented," said Michael Flannigan, professor of wildland fire at Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia. "It started the year off with a very active, extreme and historic fire season. For much of Canada, our fire season is still very much ahead of us."

COMMENT Tens of millions of people in the US are under air quality alerts as smoke from the Canadian wildfires drifts south, turning the sky in some of the country's biggest cities a murky brown. In New York City, residents were advised to limit their time outdoors, as public schools cancelled outdoor activities. As the New York Times said this week *"New Yorkers are accustomed to dealing with weather. This was something very different. The smoke from wildfires hundreds of miles north that turned New York into a scene of unsettling gloom on Wednesday draping the city in a thick and otherworldly orange-gray hue."* In Acts 2 we read that in the "last days" that God "will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, **and fire, and vapour of smoke.**" We ignore these signs at our peril – they are designed to show Christ's return is near....

BIBLE QUOTE And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, **and fire, and vapour of smoke:** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: **And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.** (Acts 2:19-21)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**

- 2023-06-10 Zelenskyy says 'counteroffensive' actions underway against Russia - Latest News - WION - 3.10 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-10 'Three months ago, this wasn't possible'- exiled Russians dare to dream of Putin's fall - The Guardian
- 2023-06-09 The US and Canada saw dangerous smoke this week. It's a routine peril for many developing countries - AP News
- 2023-06-08 Canada's wildfire smoke terrorises parts of the US - Gravitas - 5.20 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-08 Before-and-after satellite images show profound toll of Ukraine dam collapse - AP News
- 2023-06-06 Israel & Saudi Arabia PEACE DEAL Coming- Iran Unveils "CONQUEROR" Missile - 10.12 min - Watchman- YouTube
- 2023-06-03 Ukraine's cross-border tactics are aimed at destabilizing Russia. Judging by the response, they're working - CNN
- 2023-06-03 Transfer of holy icon shows Russian Orthodoxy's new sway under Putin - Reuters
- 2023-06-03 Russian forces tried to blow up my men, says mercenary boss Prigozhin - Reuters
- 2023-06-02 Attacks inside Russia raise questions about next phase of Ukraine war - PBS - 7.42 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-01 Experts warn AI could lead to human 'extinction' - MSNBC - 5.52 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-01 Blinken - Putin's war against Ukraine has been a strategic failure - 5.45 min - YouTube
- 2023-05-31 Ukraine war comes to Moscow as drones strike both capitals - Reuters
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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
- Dependent territories
- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
- Boundaries of the empire in 814



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *

